

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 21, 2004 has been reviewed. The Office Action has withdrawn claims 43-50 as being directed to a non-elected invention, and has required claims 43-50 to be canceled. Applicant has canceled claims 43-50 without prejudice or disclaimer. Of course, Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 43-50 in one or more divisional applications.

All pending claims (*i.e* claims 3-15, 17-30 and 33-41) are allowed, and prosecution on the merits is closed. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

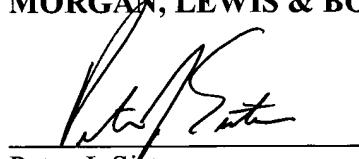
Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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